

## ACCIDENTLY KILLED.

Rev. Jesse Crosswhite, of Cherokee, Crushed to Death by a Log.

A most sad accident occurred in the Cherokee neighborhood, this county, last Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, resulting in the almost instant death of Rev. Jesse Crosswhite, an aged minister of the Dunkard church.

The particulars are as follows: Rev. Mr. Crosswhite was aged, being past sixty-five years at the time of his death. He had concluded to rent his farm, and was therefore arranging to build him a new house to spend the remainder of his life in retirement. He was in the woods with Emory Allen and the two were loading a heavy log onto the wagon from the hillside. It became necessary to scotch the log, and Mr. Crosswhite, it appears, had talked around to the end for that purpose, when the log made a sudden start, striking him in the head and at the same time catching one of his hands and mashing it almost off. He lay unconscious for a while and breathed his last.

The funeral services took place Friday and were conducted by Rev. W. F. Dove.

The deceased was well known in the country as an upright and conscientious christian, and his funeral was largely attended.

Among others who mourn his sudden death are three daughters, Mrs. John F. Bowman, of this city, Mrs. James Gable and Mrs. Prof. F. T. Watts, the latter two of Gable's Mills, this county. The deceased had sons in the West who could not be apprised of their father's death in time to attend the funeral. THE COMET extends sympathy to those who were nearest and dearest to this good man.

## TOWN COMPANY LOCATED.

The Official Announcement Calls for Elizabethton on the Watauga.

After so long a time the Co-operative Town Company has officially announced its location.

Col. C. P. Toneray and George E. Boren returned Sunday night from Washington where they went to attend the final meeting. Col. Toneray says it is all settled now, and Elizabethton is the place selected by the officials.

The long delay in selecting a site was due to the fact that numerous complications arose regarding the titles of certain tracts of land. These points are all virtually settled, and there now remains nothing except for the company to go to work in earnest.

A prospectus of their plans and purposes will be given to the public probably this week.

The official announcement comes without creating much enthusiasm on the part of the people, for indeed they had already had their jubilee, and to state the official announcement is merely a fresh confirmation of what was known to be in store.

With so many town sites claiming the attention of the company, and each offering its advantages naturally and financially, it necessarily required a hard struggle for the successful place. But for natural surroundings, undoubtedly there are few places able to compete with Elizabethton.

She has all the advantages of Johnson City except in railroad facilities; and if the Town Company do what they have decided to do, it will not be long until Elizabethton enjoys other outlets than a single railroad.

From a COMET reporter's recent talk with Mr. Cook, the agent of the company, there will probably be little if anything done before next spring, although it is possible that arrangements have been made to begin earlier; that the prospectus should explain.

The people of Elizabethton are certainly to be congratulated on their really faithful and earnest work against fearful odds. Col. Toneray and many others have been persistent in their efforts and liberal in their sacrifice. They have bravely held the elephant by the tail, clinging to it into whatever region it went, until at last they have caged it as their own in the valley of the Watauga. Here, where the Doe meets the Watauga it is fed until it grows fat and becomes the mightiest elephant that was ever imported.

Some people have fears for Johnson City and think the elephant will devour us, but you will find this; that whatever builds up Elizabethton will add more to the business and financial interests of our place, that whatever furthers the development of this great iron region will bring influx of population and capital to all thriving towns. The Co-operative Town Company anywhere in this section, if it does what it calculates, will be a benefit to all, and in the course of a few years this whole valley will be a city with interests and industry in common.

We can offer you special inducements on Rev's medicine. If you suffer with rheumatism, neuralgia or biliousness, you should try a bottle.

Campbell, Cass & Co.

## Fall Branch Items.

Prof. Floyd Brunner, of Sullivan Co., was in the city last Sunday.

Mrs. Mary A. Dykes and her son Elihu, who have been visiting in La throp, Mo., returned last Thursday.

Rev. Jas. Smith preached a good sermon at the Baptist Church last Sabbath.

Jno. Cox, of Meadow Brook, passed through the city last Saturday.

Braz Moore and daughter, of Love lace, spent last Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Moulton.

J. T. Watkins, nursery agent, delivered quite a lot of fruit trees and shrubbery last week.

Rev. Hodge, of the M. E. Church was in town last Saturday.

Mrs. J. F. Henry has been in Middle Tennessee for some time, came back last Saturday.

A. F. Simpson, of Hawkins county, entered the school at this place last week.

Those who were present at the poke dinner at Walker's Fork last Saturday report a nice time.

J. K. P. Galloway and J. H. C. Staples made a business trip to Kendrick's Creek last Saturday.

Will Dick, the drummer, spent Sunday in the village.

J. L. Shepherd, of Geroldstown, was in the village last Sunday.

Enoch Tipton and Thos. Bachman, of Clover Bottom, were in the village last Sunday.

The Rector family, who have had such a long siege of fever are improving.

Dr. George R. Duncan, made a business trip to Goshen, in Hawkins county last Friday.

The doctors report the country distressingly healthy.

## Syrup of Figs.

Produced from the laxative and nutritious juice of California figs, combined with the medicinal virtues of plants known to be most beneficial to the human system, acts gently on the kidneys, liver and bowels, effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds and headaches, and curing habitual constipation.

## South Watauga.

J. F. Ramsdell, the head of the Tanning Co., arrived from Bristol yesterday.

George Helb, formerly of Stuttgart, Germany, but late of Oleau, N. Y., came in yesterday to take a position in the Tannery.

The teacher's institute at Ranges Academy, has had an interesting session: Our County Supt., Miss Lula Wilson, Prof. Mason, of Jonesboro, and all the most prominent teachers of the county have been in attendance.

Several of our citizens left this a. m. to attend circuit court at Elizabethton.

Dodge Viale is unloading his household and kitchen furniture and will go to house-keeping at once.

Wm. C. Fair lost two of his children yesterday with whooping cough. They will be buried this evening in the same grave.

A. R. Harneck has been here this week assisting A. R. Wing in getting out and loading cars with stone for the Bristol furnace.

We came near having a serious wreck here yesterday. A metal car broke a coupling and got loose from the train at your city. When the brakeman found it was bound to get away he jumped on it and when it passed here it was going at the rate of 30 or 40 miles an hour, and it stopped at the two mile post east of here. When it stopped No. 23 was dashing down the grade at a rapid rate unsuspecting of danger. As soon as it stopped the brakeman jumped off with a flag and ran with all speed to stop them, and they just did get stopped before they reached the car. Had he lost a minute there would no doubt have been a fearful wreck, and perhaps loss of life.

Ladies' trimmed hats at Campbell, Cass & Co.

## Strayed or Stolen.

A speckled light roan heifer about thirteen years old, giving milk. Marks, one underbit off each ear and a smooth crop off the right and a scar from sealing on top of hips. A suitable reward will be paid for the return of the cow or any information concerning her to Wm. C. Garland, residence 1 1/2 miles west of Johnson City, Tenn.

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The melancholy days are here.

## Some Startling Facts.

An official returns from boards of health show that nearly three fourths of all deaths are from consumption. When we think over this fact it is really awful, though every one is married with a staple cough or cold. Restore health by taking this medicine. It can be done by using Pan-Tina Cough and Consumption Cure. Price 25 and 50 cents. Trial bottles free at McFarland's drug store.

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## Jonesboro.

Dr. E. E. Hoss, of Nashville, is in the city visiting relatives.

John Bell, who looks after the subscription list of the COMET, was in town one day this week, and reorganized the delivery of the COMET at this place.

J. B. Simpson, one of Jonesboro's hardware men, is on a visit to his old home, at Macon, Ill.

E. J. Baxter now wears a sad face, his girl has gone.

A gentleman in town says if John Jobe does not bring back his hatchet, which he borrowed yesterday, that he will send the crimson crested Deputy Sheriff, of Johnson City, around to remind him.

Col. T. H. Reeves sold the 'Buckhorn place,' one mile east of Jonesboro to L. H. Weaver, of Randleville, N. C. This is a very farm, and consists of about 185 acres.

The young folks of the Presbyterian Church gave a dime social last night at Mrs. Fannie Fain's. A grand, good time was had by one and all. The proceeds of these socials are for charitable purposes.

J. K. P. Hall, the Clerk and Master of Greene county, was in town Tuesday.

J. J. Hunt spent several days this week in Atlanta.

The line of the Louisville, Cumberland Gap and Atlantic railroad as now surveyed runs through the corporate limits of our town for over a half mile. The line will cease our town to start, and once started it will be no trouble to keep her moving on. The difference in freight rates, brought about by competition would more than pay the increase in taxation, if there was any, and we do not believe it would increase taxes. We all know that one railroad is a monopoly, but where there are two neither one can afford to try to dictate rates. Let's have the road. It will afford farmers a market for corn, hay, and in fact every product of the soil. Then why will they oppose the proposition? Old Jonesboro cries out with no uncertain sound, let's have the railroad!

## Good Looks.

Good looks are more than skin deep, depending upon a healthy condition of the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a Billious Look, if your stomach be disordered, you have a Dyspeptic Look, and if your kidneys be affected you have a Pinched Look. Secure good health and will have good looks. Electric Bitters is the great alternative and Tonic acts direct on these vital organs. Cures Pimples, Blisters, Boils, and gives a good complexion. Sold at M. A. McFarland & Co's drug store, 50c. per bottle.

In Montana a great many miners receive \$4 50 a day.

## How's This.

We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that can not be cured by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Prop's, Toledo, Ohio. We the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

West & Truax, wholesale druggists, Toledo, Ohio. Walding, Kinnan and Marvin, wholesale druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

## WANTED.

An active, energetic man who is familiar with farm work and implements, to canvass Washington County, on a good commission for three months, beginning at once, and sell a special implement needed by every farmer in the county.

Agent to furnish his own horse and wagon. Good references required with the application.

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## Fourteen Months in Bed.

"Mrs. Kelley requests me to write you in regard to what S. S. S. has done for her son, who has been sick so long with an abscess. She had two physicians, and they did everything for him that they could and he didn't improve. For fourteen months and five days he was in bed and not dressed. Some one recommended your S. S. S., and after he had taken two or three bottles he began to improve. He continued until he had taken eleven bottles, and to day he is as well as ever. The boy is fourteen years old, and Mrs. Kelley lives next door to me, and I am well acquainted with the facts of the case."

C. W. Hodgkins, Postmaster, East Lamoine, Maine. Swift's Specific has a wonderful effect on children and young people. It should be given to every child who has any blood trouble or blood taint. It drives out the poison and poisonous germs, and enables nature to develop the child. Our treatise on the blood and the skin will be mailed free to all applicants. Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

The newest kind of a thief is one who steals thermometers exclusively.

The Western Settler's Chosen Specific.

With every advance of emigration into the far West, a new demand is created for Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Newly peopled regions are frequently less salubrious than older settled localities, on account of the miasma which rises from recently cleared land, particularly along the banks of rivers that are subject to freshets. The agricultural or mining emigrant soon learns, when he does not already know that the Bitters afford the only safe protection against malaria, and those disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels, to which climate changes, exposure, and unaccustomed or unhealthy water or diet subject him. Consequently, he places an estimate upon this great household specific and preventive commensurate with its intrinsic merits, and is careful to keep on hand a reserve and promoter of health so amply to be relied upon in time of need.

It is estimated that 200 lives were lost in Germany by the recent heavy snow storm.

## Wealth

Is something which most people seek and which but few are indifferent to no matter in what form it presents itself.

The word "pecuniary," which is often used in speaking of a man's riches, comes from the Latin word pecus, which means cattle, and shows that formerly a man's wealth was reckoned by the cattle he possessed. Abraham is said to have been "very rich in cattle, in silver and in gold."

But no matter in what a man's riches may consist, it is all vanity and vexation of spirit, unless in connection therewith he has health. Emerson fully understood this when he said "the first wealth is health," and we have no doubt if he had known the virtues of S. S. S. that he would have recommended its use to all persons suffering from the diseases for which it is recommended. Treatise on blood and skin diseases mailed free. Swift Specific Co. Atlanta, Ga.

The roof of the pension office in Washington leaks with every rain storm and snow.

Queer world! Queer people! Here are men and women by thousands suffering from all sorts of diseases, bearing all manner of pain, spending their all on physicians and "getting no better, but rather worse," when right at hand there's a remedy which says it can help them because it has helped thousands like them. "Another patent medicine advertisement," you say. Yes—but not of the ordinary sort. The medicine is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and it's different from the ordinary nostrums in this:—

It does what it claims to do, or it costs you nothing!

The way is this: You pay your druggist \$1.00 for a bottle. You read the directions, and you follow them. You get better, or you don't. If you do, you buy another bottle, and perhaps another. If you don't get better you get your money back. And the queer thing is that so many people are willing to be sick when the remedy is so near at hand.

The first invoice of feathers has been received at San Diego, Cal., from the ostrich farm at Mount Fairview.

Guaranteed Cure for La Grippe.

We authorize our advertised druggist to sell you Dr. King's new Discovery for Consumption, coughs and colds, upon this condition. If you are afflicted with La Grippe and will use this remedy according to directions, giving it a fair trial, and experienced no benefit, you may return the bottle and have your money refunded. We make this offer, because of the wonderful success of Dr. King's New Discovery during last season's epidemic. Have heard of no case in which it failed. Try it. Trial bottle free at M. A. McFarland & Co's drug store. Large size, 50c. and \$1.00

To Operators of Machinery.

We now carry in stock all sizes of gum belting of the New York stamp and can furnish without the customary delay of ordering.

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## WHICH ONE WAS KEPT?

There were two little kittens, a black and a gray. And grandma said, with a frown: "If never will do to keep them both, The black one we'd better drown."

"Don't cry, my dear," to tiny Bess, "One kitten's enough to keep. Now run to nurse, for 'tis growing late And time you were fast asleep."

The morrow dawned, and rosy and sweet Came little Bess from her nap. The nurse said, "Go into mamma's room And look in grandma's lap."

"Come here," said grandma, with a smile, From the rocking chair where she sat; "God has sent you two little sisters. Now what do you think of that?"

Bess looked at the babies a moment. With their wee heads yellow and brown, And then to grandma smilingly said, "Which one are you going to drown?"

—New York Fashion Bazar.

A New Idea in Midair Gardening.

American travelers in Europe return home with many new ideas concerning architecture, which they often proceed to exemplify in the construction of their dwelling houses. There is no invention, however, which none of these tourists as yet appears have heard of, and which would be a charming variation in the sky line of a village street, or as a bit of color among the scattered houses of a country landscape.

I refer to the turf roof invented by George Mayer, of Bavaria.

The roof is laid first with boards, then with three thicknesses of tarred paper and finally covered with turf six inches thick. Such a roof is heavier than tiles, but is a full protection against damp and fire, helps to purify the air and needs no repair. It can be made still more beautiful by sowing upon the turf the seeds of flowers and wavy grasses which have small roots. Imagine a roof covered with portulaca blossoms wide open under a noontide sun!—Elizabeth E. Evans in Kate Field's Washington.

A List of Lucky Things To Do.

It is considered lucky to accept the first bid offered for an article in the morning, or to spit upon the first coin received, or for an unmarried person to be seated inadvertently between a married couple at the dinner table, as he or she will find a partner within the year. "A black snail tossed by the horns over the left shoulder will bring good luck, as will an egg upon which a snail is not formed if tossed over the barn."

To carry a crust of bread or a bent coin, or a coin with a hole in it in the pocket is considered lucky, or to find a horseshoe or a four leaved clover. It will bring luck to throw into the fire the first tooth extracted from a child, or to see the moon over the right shoulder, or to place a knife near a sleeping child.—Philadelphia Ledger.

## They Were Mushrooms.

"Speaking of mushrooms and toadstools, gentlemen," chimed in Dumley, "a friend of mine not long ago gathered a quantity of what he supposed were mushrooms and took 'em home. His wife cooked 'em, and the whole family ate heartily of 'em."

"And did they all die?" inquired the crowd, very much shocked.

"No; they happened to be mushrooms, you see," replied Dumley, with a far away look in his eyes; "but it was a narrow escape."—Exchange.

De "Old Way" Briles de Cook as well as de Stenk.



IDEAL BROILING.

To broil perfectly, over a fire, requires constant watching and an experienced cook. The Old Way, a child ten years old will equal any expert.

Place an ordinary sheet-iron pan, one-quarter full of sand or water—either will answer, and is preferable—upon the bottom oven plate to catch the drippings; grease the oven slide or broiling rack; one greasing is all that is required. Place the steaks upon the oven slide; close the wire gauze oven door for three to five minutes—large steaks require ten to fifteen minutes—and the steaks will be thoroughly cooked on top and bottom at the same time.

There is no taint of coal-gas or smoke, and the meats are more tender and better in flavor than those broiled over the coals. The convenience of broiling in the oven will be appreciated by every housekeeper, and adds another to the many reasons why the Charter Oak Range or Stove with the Wire Gauze Oven Door should be preferred to all others now in the market.

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LADIES. Needing a tonic, or children that want building up should take

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It is pleasant to take, cures Malaria, Indigestion, and Biliousness. All dealers keep it.

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## ONE ENJOYS

Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to